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## Holcomb orders Hoosiers to stay home through April 7

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb has ordered Hoosiers to remain in their homes through April 7 except when they are at work or for permitted activities, such as taking care of others, obtaining necessary supplies and for health and safety. All state government offices will be closed to in-person public activity. All public safety functions will continue.

## Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

## Attention churches

If you are planning to hold virtual Good Friday and Easter services, please contact us by email at [ahughes@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:ahughes@wabashplaindealer.com) to submit your listing.

## Board of Public Works and Safety to meet Thursday via teleconference

The Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 2 via teleconference. The phone number is 260-274-0522 and the participant key is 677863.

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# Wabash County Courts closed through April 30

Only essential staff will be available to conduct court business

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash County courts will be closed through April 30, according to a Monday statement to the Plain Dealer by Judges Robert R. McCallen III, of the Wabash County Circuit Court, and

Benjamin D.R. Vanderpool, of the Wabash County Superior Court.

The judges stated the change was made “in adherence to the recommendations to continue the suggested guidelines from the Centers For Disease Control (CDC).”

The Wabash County Judicial Annex and the Offices therein (Circuit and Superior Courts, the Clerk, Prosecutor’s Office, and Court

Services, to include Probation and Community Corrections) will be closed to the public through the end of April.

The Wabash County courts will reduce to essential staff only to conduct essential court business as deemed appropriate by the courts.

Court services may be reached through the following phone numbers during this time:

■ Wabash County Circuit

Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241.

■ Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254.

■ Wabash County Court Services (probation and community corrections) at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276.

■ Judicial Annex Court Security at 260-563-0661 ext. 1261.

■ Wabash County Clerk

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# Finding and keeping a place to ‘shelter in place’

Local, state officials help residents secure housing in an uncertain time

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

With Gov. Eric Holcomb’s order last week to “shelter in place” lasting for the time being, local and state officials are working to ensure Hoosiers are able to find and keep a shelter in the first place.

## Homeless in Wabash

Locally, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted even the annual counting of the local population of those in need of assistance.

In January, the Point in Time Count, an annual count of Wabash County’s population of those experiencing homelessness took place along with a giveaway of care packages.

The Region 5 Planning Council serves Cass, Howard, Miami, Tipton and Wabash counties and administers the local count each year.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Tuesday, Samie McFadden, case manager for Advantage Housing, stated the COVID-19 pandemic had caused delays in reporting the numbers.

“Many tasks over the last six weeks have been re-prioritized. Although we found many of the homeless on the PIT count, more than ever before, homeless the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCA). I am not even sure that the report has been finalized. Because of COVID-19, our procedures have been modified to include more physical distancing, but those of us working with the homeless are considered essential. The homeless themselves



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have continued to call into our program and we are continuing to serve those in the program and those new folks who qualify. Others are being directed to resources that can best serve them,” stated McFadden. McFadden stated local

groups were continuing to fill the housing gap during this uncertainty.

“It stands to reason that the street homeless population is impacted in Wabash by the closures – particularly for warm shelter, restroom facilities and

necessary precautionary supplies. At this writing, these individuals can still access homeless shelters. The Wabash faith organizations are continuing to make sure that people can

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# IDOI warns: Beware of fraud schemes related to COVID-19

HHS issues warning regarding scams

## STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) is alerting Hoosiers to be aware of scammers during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a press release.

A warning was issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General regarding scams by fraudsters who are offering COVID-19 tests to Medicare beneficiaries in exchange for personal de-

tails, including Medicare information.

“These services are unapproved and illegitimate,” stated the release. “Fraudsters are targeting beneficiaries in a number of ways, including telemarketing calls, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits. They are using the coronavirus pandemic to benefit themselves, and beneficiaries face potential harm. The personal information collected can be used to fraudulently bill Federal health care programs and commit medical identity theft. If Medicare or Medicaid denies the claim for an unapproved test, the

beneficiary could be responsible for the cost.”

The IDOI offered the following tips:

■ Beneficiaries should be cautious of unsolicited requests for their Medicare or Medicaid numbers.

■ Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. If your personal information is compromised, it may be used in other fraud schemes.

■ Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites.

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# DOR waiving certain motor carrier requirements due to COVID-19

Restrictions waived until May 22

## STAFF REPORT

In support of Governor Eric Holcomb’s Executive Order 20-02 declaring a public health disaster emergency in Indiana due to COVID-19, Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Bob Grennes has waived several Motor Carrier Services (MCS) requirements until May 22, according to a press release. The waivers affect:

■ Out-of-state motor car-

# FSSA updates Medicaid policies due to COVID-19

Cost-sharing suspended, coverage extended, payments paused, among other changes

## STAFF REPORT

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, some policy and program changes have been made “to help ensure members in our managed care programs (Healthy Indiana Plan, Hoosier Care Connect, Hoosier Healthwise), as well as our Traditional Medicaid members, can maintain continuous coverage in this critical time,” according to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA).

Member health coverage will not be terminated during the public health emergency. Member coverage will only end if a member voluntarily withdraws or moves out of the state. This applies to all full coverage of Indiana Health Coverage Programs. It does not apply to presumptive eligibility. Presumptively eligible members must still complete a full IHCP application. This decision was implemented after letters were sent to members whose coverage was set to close on March 31. Those closures will not take place, and new letters will be sent.

All cost-sharing is suspended for the duration of the public health emergency. Members who typically had co-payments will not have any co-payments applied starting Wednesday. This applies to all IHCP programs including the HIP. This includes pharmacy co-payments.

Premiums and POWER Account contributions will be waived for the months of March-August 2020. This applies to the CHIP program, HIP and MEDWorks. All members who made payments for March or any future months will have those payments applied as credits on their account when payments are required again.

Member coverage will start when eligibility is determined and will not require the first payment to begin. Fast Track payments will not be required and we ask that organizations stop making these payments.

Pharmacies are now allowed to fill prescriptions with name brand drugs if the generic drug the member

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# Census Day arrives with U.S. almost paralyzed by coronavirus

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Census Day — the date used to determine where a person lives for the once-a-decade count — arrived Wednesday with a nation almost paralyzed by the spread of the novel coronavirus. But census officials vowed the job would be completed by its year-end deadline.

The virus’s spread has forced the U.S. Census Bureau to suspend field operations for a month, from mid-March to mid-April, when the hiring process would be ramping up for up to 500,000 temporary census takers. The bureau also has delayed the start of counts for the homeless and people living in group quarters like college dorms and nursing homes, and has pushed back the deadline for wrapping up the head count from the end of July to mid-August.

The Census Bureau is required by federal statute to send the president the counts that will be used to carve up congressional districts — a process known as apportionment — and draw state legislative districts by Dec. 31. Some groups are suggesting that the deadline be pushed back, though it’s currently mandated by federal law.

“We are laser-focused on the statute’s Dec. 31 deadline for apportionment counts and population counts. We will continue to assess all of our operations to see if there are any changes that need to be made,” Michael Cook, chief of the Public Information Office at the U.S. Census Bureau, said Tuesday.

The head count started in late January in rural, native villages in Alaska, but the rest of the country wasn’t able to start answering the questionnaire until the second week of March when the Census Bureau’s self-response website went live and people received notices in the mail that they could start answering the

questions. But that was only a week before many governors and mayors started issuing stay-at-home orders to slow the virus’s spread, greatly hindering in-person rallies, meetings and door-knocking by activists to raise awareness about the 2020 census.

Experts say connecting with trusted community leaders in person is the best way to reach people in hard-to-count groups that may be wary of the federal government.

“There is the issue of attention. Certainly when folks are anxious about the public health issue, and kids are away from school, and they’re being away from work, it’s a concern that the census isn’t on top of people’s mind as you would want it to be,” said Thomas Saenz, president of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The U.S. Census Bureau is spending \$500 million on outreach efforts, including advertising, and it’s relying on more than 300,000 nonprofits, businesses, local governments and civic groups to encourage participation in their communities. Those outreach efforts have been hamstrung by the nationwide shutdown.

Groups are switching to digital efforts to get out the word. On Wednesday, the activist group, Faith in Action, was holding a Twitter chat to encourage people to fill out their census forms, and Census Bureau deputy director Ron Jarmin was heading to Reddit to spread the word. Comcast NBCUniversal and Telemundo on Wednesday unveiled census public service announcements starring TV hosts Joy Reid and Jose Diaz-Balart, and said it was providing \$2 million in grants and in-contributions kind to community groups in hard-to-count areas.

Two surveys by the Pew Research Center suggest the messaging was reaching an audience — at least before the coronavirus outbreak. Pew

conducted two surveys, one in early January and another in late February and early March. During that time, those who had seen or heard something about the census grew from half to two-thirds of respondents, the center survey found.

Most of the census takers won’t be sent out until late May to knock on the doors of homes where people haven’t yet answered the questions online, by telephone or by mailing back a paper questionnaire. Until then, the Census Bureau is pushing people to answer the questions so they won’t have anyone knocking on their doors in late spring and summer.






As of Monday, more than 36 percent of households had already answered the questions, and the Census Bureau reported this week that 40,300 temporary workers were on the payroll as of mid-March.

The 2020 census will help determine how many congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state gets, as well as the distribution of some \$1.5 trillion in federal spending.

Researchers at the Urban Institute worry that changed accommodations made in response to the coronavirus may present a distorted picture of where people are living on Census Day. Some people have left their usual residences to move back in with parents or elderly relatives, escaped to vacation homes or had to move because they couldn’t pay rent due to lost jobs during the pandemic, they said.





Urban Institute researchers said the Census Bureau needs more processing time to identify duplicate responses and offer additional guidelines about how people should respond when the traditional recommendation to answer where you are living on April 1 is no longer clear for some. They’re asking that the Dec. 31 deadline be postponed, which would require an act of Congress.

### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 61 / 45	 <b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy 63 / 50	 <b>Saturday</b> Few Showers 55 / 43	 <b>Sunday</b> Few Showers 57 / 49	 <b>Monday</b> Few Showers 63 / 54
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:14 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:27 a.m.

 Full 4/7	 Last 4/14	 New 4/22	 First 4/30
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 61°, humidity of 50%. Light winds. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 45°. Southeast wind 2 to 5 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 44°. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 63°, humidity of 57%.

## Former bookworm wants to reignite passion

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I have lost my passion for reading. When I was younger, I used to love reading. I had a different book in my hands every day. Lately, I have not been reading anything. There are hundreds of new books at bookstores, and I just walk past them.

I love reading, but I never seem to finish a book anymore. Additionally, whenever I do read, I never seem to comprehend the words; they just go in my eyes and never seem to reach my brain. I miss reading books; I was labeled the bookworm among my peers when I was younger. I feel like I lost a part of myself, and I don't know how to find it again. Can I still go back? — Ex-Bookworm

**Harriette Cole**  
Sense & Sensitivity



Due to the late hours, my grades began to plummet drastically. I became incredibly depressed and had intense anxiety attacks. Before and after practice, I felt sick to my stomach and would faint sometimes from stress. The breaking point was a game that ended in disaster. It was horrible. I decided to quit and cut all ties with the team. Whenever I saw the girls in the halls or my classes, I could feel the awkward tension between us. Leaving the team was the best decision I ever made, but I feel scared to confront the girls about my reason for quitting. What should I do? — Former Cheerleader

**DEAR FORMER CHEERLEADER:** It is worth it to create closure with the other cheerleaders even though you

are not with them at school right now, given the fact that schools are shut down. Since you will continue to have this situation on your heart, I recommend that you reach out to your teammates and tell them that you miss them. Acknowledge that you are sorry you had to leave the team, but that you left because you were flunking school and getting home way too late. Apologize for not talking to them about it before. Explain that this was a tough decision for you, and you hope they understand.

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### READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

#### TUESDAY'S LOTTERIES

**Cash 5**  
02-08-27-42-44  
**Estimated jackpot: \$105,000**  
Cash4Life  
**18-25-31-45-58, Cash Ball: 1**  
Daily Three-Midday  
**9-4-4, SB: 9**  
Daily Three-Evening  
**8-7-8, SB: 5**  
Daily Four-Midday  
**9-9-1-6, SB: 9**  
Daily Four-Evening  
**4-8-2-6, SB: 5**  
Mega Millions  
**08-17-51-57-70, Mega Ball: 2, Megaplier: 4**  
Estimated jackpot: \$113 million  
**Powerball**  
Estimated jackpot: \$170 million

**WEDNESDAY'S METALS**

Aluminum.....	68
Copper.....	2.18
Lead.....	78
Zinc.....	85
Gold.....	1,591.86
Silver.....	14.01
Platinum.....	724.77

#### AREA GRAIN

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**SHELTER**

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access safe emergency options,” she stated.

**Moratorium on new evictions, foreclosures**

On March 19, Gov. Eric Holcomb signed a series of executive orders, some which had to do with housing:

■ All public housing authorities are requested to extend deadlines for housing assistance recipients and required documentation to show eligibility for housing programs.

■ The Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and Indiana Community Housing Development Authority are required to work with financial institutions to identify tools to help promote housing stability.

■ No residential eviction proceedings or foreclosure actions may be initiated during the public health

emergency. This does not relieve the individual of obligations to pay rent or mortgage payments.

During a teleconferenced, televised daily press conference, Holcomb answered a Plain Dealer question about the possibility of extending these actions to suspend rental payments and mortgages, such as places like Italy are already doing while under lockdown.

“Not at this time,” he said.

**Holcomb vetoes SEA 148**

On Wednesday, March 25, Gov. Eric Holcomb issued a rare veto to Senate Enrolled Act 148.

The bill had been supported by many in his own party.

The bill was co-sponsored by Republican Sens. Blake Driot, Linda Rogers and Michael Young, and Reps. Doug Miller, Rep. Jim Pressel and Christy Stutzman.

The bill was widely criticized by a number of groups

in the days before the end of the legislative session. According to critics, SEA 148 would “hinder Indiana’s ability to reach the ‘next level’ of public health by substantially changing existing landlord-tenant law to diminish state protections for renters.”

On Tuesday, March 17, 18 statewide organizations asked Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb to veto SEA 148, citing the bill’s “dangerous, unvetted language that would worsen Indiana’s affordable housing and eviction crisis.”

“The timing of this bill could not be worse because it could have a disastrous effect on the health and safety of renters at a time when the COVID-19 coronavirus has already caused a public health crisis of its own,” stated Jessica Love, executive director of Prosperity Indiana.

“The letter to the governor comes from affordable housing developers, religious groups, medical and legal assistance

providers, and organizations representing older Hoosiers, veterans, domestic violence survivors, the homeless, and other vulnerable populations. It follows a call from nearly 300 organizations and individuals statewide who signed a letter to the General Assembly opposing the legislation, which first appeared as a surprise last-minute amendment to SB 340, and that was passed without standard public deliberation or debate during the last two weeks of session.”

Love stated SEA 148 would have been a substantial change in law for the lives of over 30 percent of Indiana’s population, the more than two million people who rent their homes.

“Research shows that access to affordable housing acts as a ‘vaccine’ that paves the way to health and economic mobility, while housing insecurity and homelessness negatively impact the health, safety, education and development of children.

As the COVID-19 pandemic sweeps across the state, SEA 148 would undermine public health by undercutting access to safe and stable housing,” stated Love. “Advocates point to existing Indiana efforts, such as the Governor’s recovery housing and workforce housing initiatives, and to provision of safe and stable housing as a means of improving health outcomes and decreasing health costs, as positive steps for Hoosiers. ... Also, stripping local governments of the ability to take action to improve housing quality and stabilize rental housing, unless specifically permitted by the state legislature, will create dangerous delays that could worsen significant health conditions already prevalent in the state. These include rates of asthma, lead poisoning, mental illness, maternal mortality and opioid-related deaths.”

Love called the bill imbalanced, and favoring landlords.

“(It) allows accelerated

emergency eviction procedures to be used in an expanded class of cases. This includes instances in which a tenant – having committed no violation of law or lease – can be evicted in three days. It also omits standard code provisions that prevent landlords from simply eliminating or changing the limited retaliation protections afforded by SEA 148 through a non-negotiable lease. It further arbitrarily preempts the ability of all local governments throughout the state to regulate any aspect of the landlord-tenant relationship. These measures and allowances are considered extreme, especially since they were passed without having studied or surveyed existing local ordinances and regulations throughout the state to determine how they would be nullified,” stated Love.

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**PULSE**

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**Wabash Marketplace announces April First Friday cancellation**

First Friday in Downtown Wabash, originally scheduled for Friday, April 3, has been canceled. At this time, Wabash Marketplace still proceeding with the event on May 1. For more information, visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org) or call 260-563-0975.

**Grow Wabash County accepting applications for Revolving Loan Fund program**

The deadline for initial applications is Wednesday, April 15. More information regarding the terms and requirements for these loans as well as the necessary application and documents may be found here: <https://www.growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship/revolving-loanfund/>. Questions regarding Grow Wabash County’s RLF program or the application process may be directed by email to [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or by calling 260-563-5258.

**Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns**

■ Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

■ BMV: Closed until at least April 7. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

■ Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email [patty@cfwabash.org](mailto:patty@cfwabash.org) or [julie@cfwabash.org](mailto:julie@cfwabash.org), or call 260-982-4824.

■ Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at [www.fssabenefits.in.gov](http://www.fssabenefits.in.gov). DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

■ Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

■ Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended through Saturday, April 11.

■ Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

■ Manchester Community Schools: Closed through Friday, May 1.

■ Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed. Spring Commencement ceremonies are canceled.

■ MSD: Closed through Friday, May 1. Spring Break is scheduled from April 3 to 10.

■ The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory).

■ North Manchester Public Library: Closed until April 7. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/) and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email [nmpl@nman.lib.in.us](mailto:nmpl@nman.lib.in.us), call 260-982-4773 or visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us).

■ St. Bernard School: Closed through at least April 7.

■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed through at least April 13. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email [warew@wabash.lib.in.us](mailto:warew@wabash.lib.in.us) or visit [www.wabash.lib.in.us](http://www.wabash.lib.in.us) or [www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary).

■ Wabash City Hall: All public meetings postponed. Wabash City Hall will be closed through at least April 7. Citizens should visit [www.cityofwabash.com](http://www.cityofwabash.com) to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at [covid19info@cityofwabash.com](mailto:covid19info@cityofwabash.com). Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email

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■ Wabash City Schools: Closed through Friday, May 1. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, except for the week of April 6, which is spring break.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

■ Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit [www.wabashcounty.in.gov](http://www.wabashcounty.in.gov) or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

■ Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public through April 30. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

■ Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.

■ Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

■ Woman’s Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

■ WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

■ Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until at least April 13.

**Living Well in Wabash County offers food, transportation, support**

The Friendly Caller Program may be reached by calling 260-563-4475 to request a daily call to check in on you during this time when seniors will be home more than usual. Living Well in Wabash County will now pick up and deliver pre-paid groceries and essentials within Wabash County. For more information or to request special delivery call 260-563-7536. The service is based upon availability. This temporary delivery service is free to adults age 60 and older; normal one-way transit fees apply

for 59 and under. Until further notice, the county-wide transit system for all ages is operating for essential travel only which is work, food, pharmacy and pre-scheduled medical within Wabash County. The hours of operation for the system are from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those wanting to schedule a ride or delivery should call dispatch from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling 260-563.-536 or toll-free at 888-498-4400. The deadline to schedule next day transit rides is 4 p.m. Adults age 60 and older ride Wabash County Transit by donation. Riders age 59 and younger pay \$2 per one way trip in Wabash and North Manchester with rides anywhere else in Wabash County at \$4 per one way trip. Low-income households can apply for the Share the Fare program.

**Second Harvest Food Bank seeks volunteers, donations**

Those who are interested in volunteering may contact Kellie Arrowood, volunteer coordinator for Second Harvest, by calling the office at 765-287-8698, emailing [karrowood@curehunger.org](mailto:karrowood@curehunger.org) or visiting [www.CureHunger.org](http://www.CureHunger.org).

**New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events**

■ Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. “Finding Neverland” has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

■ Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series “Opus Two,” Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

■ Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

**Parkview Wabash partners with volunteers to produce PPE**

The mask-making kits may be picked up from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 3718 New Vision Drive, located on the Parkview Regional Medical Center campus in Fort Wayne. Volunteers should turn on to New Vision Drive from Diebold Road. Signs will be posted to indicate where you can drive up to easily receive the kits without leaving your vehicle. All com-

pleted masks can be returned to the Fort Wayne location or to your local Parkview community hospital.

**Community Foundation establishes COVID-19 assistance program**

Eligible individuals who may apply for assistance grants are individuals who have lost their jobs, income or wages related to COVID-19 business closures and layoffs, and have no other significant source of income; and are still working and need to provide for childcare (ages 0 to 12) due to school and daycare closures, and have no other significant source of income. Wabash County citizens who meet the above criteria can request applications for assistance by contacting the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Program Partners who serve as applicant sponsors including REACH, WAMA or their respective township trustee. To assist, visit [www.cfwabash.org](http://www.cfwabash.org) or mail a check to 105 W. Second St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962, with the COVID-19 Assistance Program in the memo line. For more information, email [patty@cfwabash.org](mailto:patty@cfwabash.org) or [melissa@cfwabash.org](mailto:melissa@cfwabash.org) or call 260-982-4824. If you are unsure of your township, visit [www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp](http://www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp) to view the map of Wabash County. For more information on the Township Trustees, visit the County Departments tab on the Wabash County Government website at <http://wabashcounty.in.gov/cgi.exe>.

**Road closure scheduled for Indiana 114**

Culvert replacements are scheduled for Indiana 114 from County 1200 North to Indiana 15 in Wabash County. The road closure is scheduled to begin in mid-April but may begin at the end of April due to weather. The five-day closure will allow maintenance crews to complete the replacement of multiple culvert pipes. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained through the work. The official state detour for the closure will be Indiana 14 to Indiana 15. The work is scheduled to be complete by April 17, weather permitting. Motorists can expect to see signage up as early as the week of April 1.

**Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event**

“Dia de Lagro” will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will

begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit [lagrocanalfoundation.com](http://lagrocanalfoundation.com). Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email [lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com).

**Farmers market season set to begin May 16**

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/ Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org).

**Mural festival seeks local artists**

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at [www.NEImuralfestival.com](http://www.NEImuralfestival.com) and are open through the end of May.

**Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled**

The Wabash Kiwanis Club’s annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled from March 14 to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at [donnasiders@hotmail.com](mailto:donnasiders@hotmail.com) or calling 260-571-1892. For more information, email [keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us](mailto:keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us).

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*



# Opinion

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The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

**Ephesians 2:10**

# Governors demonstrate to Trump how to lead

Here's a coronavirus quiz. Name the elected Republican leader who began in early March ordering social distancing restrictions before even a single COVID-19 case was diagnosed among his constituents; set precautionary standards for fighting the virus that other elected officials quickly followed to include closing schools, restaurants and bars; and shocked the nation by being the first leader to postpone a primary, telling Americans that the new coronavirus is "a crisis that no one alive has seen."

Others have since followed suit.

Here's a clue. The leader wasn't Donald Trump. During these earlier days of the pestilence, the president was still dismissing any thought of canceling his rallies and comparing coronavirus to the common flu: "Nothing is shut down, life and the economy go on."

The answer is Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, who — with a cadre of other governors, Democratic and Republican alike — has demonstrated the kind of decisiveness, empathy, wisdom and reassurance that has mostly been lacking from the Oval Office.

After a week of vacillating over whether to extend shelter-in-place guidelines set to expire Tuesday, and after an intervention by his top public health advisers, Trump finally submitted to reality Sunday and extended restrictions recommended by health officials.

DeWine has done anything but vacillate and is a case study in how to connect with a pop-

ulation in a time of crisis. He invites his wife, Fran, to daily COVID-19 briefings to discuss the emotional rigors of isolation. His health director, Amy Acton, is so popular with her detailed graphics and bedside manner that she has her own fan club. And DeWine governs with a strict adherence to hard facts and data.

"The biggest mistakes I've made," DeWine said last week about his leadership style, "have come about because I didn't get enough facts. I didn't drill down deeply enough. I didn't ask enough questions. I didn't ask the right people."

Across the country, nearly 3 out of 4 Americans praise their own governor's handling of the pandemic, while only half approve of Trump's performance.

The contrasts in leadership can be stark.

Even as Trump flirted last week with relaxing strictures so that churches can be packed come Easter, governors were discussing or creating regional alliances — one involving Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, and another Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin — to broaden social distancing.

Where Trump speaks vaguely each day about dispensing "millions" of masks and dozens of "pallets" of supplies to the states, without detailing where or when the material will arrive and how shortages are being addressed, Illinois Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker posts bar graphs showing precisely the masks, gowns and face shields his health community needs and

the number coming in.

And even as Trump, way back in late February, was promising the virus would disappear one day "like a miracle," Maryland Republican Gov. Larry Hogan was preparing emergency funding legislation to fight the virus. "I would encourage all Marylanders not to panic, but to take this seriously and to continue to stay informed," Hogan said at the time.

Perhaps more than any other elected leader in the country, New York Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo has come closest to President Franklin Roosevelt's legacy of assuring that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Cuomo's daily briefings from the state hardest hit by coronavirus have become a national balm, in which he carefully uses statistics to explain the virus' impact, progress and expected decline in the weeks ahead.

Sunday, as Trump was bragging that his televised briefings are "a ratings hit," Cuomo was using graphs to illustrate how the rate of new hospitalizations is starting to slow and hospital discharges are starting to increase.

Much as COVID-19 strikes down its victims irrespective of class or money, the quality of leadership is not restricted by political affiliation. Those elected to power either have it or they don't. "When the pressure is on," Cuomo said at one of his briefings, "is when you see what people are made of."

Yes, you do.  
*This editorial was first published in USA Today.*



# We wear the pandemic on our faces

Many years ago when I was a young mother, my toddler son vanished from sight when I turned my back for a few seconds to water some flowers. Frantic, I ran to the street and looked in both directions, shrieking his name.

Nothing, nowhere. How could this be?

A few seconds passed when a police car suddenly materialized.

"Did you lose your child?" the officer asked.

"Yes," I nearly screamed. "Did you find him?"

"No," he said, "but you have that look."

Horror is what he saw. Thanks to a nearby jogger, JC was found a block away, gleefully chasing a cat that had wandered by during that blink of an eye when mine was turned elsewhere. Happy ending. Lesson learned.

I've never forgotten the officer's haunting words and the agonies they suggested. Apparently, he had seen the expression enough times to recognize it. I've thought of them again recently as I've begun to notice "that look" we can now ascribe to the pandemic.

As I take my morning walks, I can see the faces. The hellos are polite but the brows are deeply furrowed. They tell the story of a nation in shock, the fear and grief over the loss of the world they knew and may never know again.

The pandemic has created a new etiquette to go with The Look. It's a mixture of politesse and pragmatism. Two strangers will smile and duck their heads almost bashfully as they attempt to dodge each other, as if to say: I'm so sorry. I'm sure you're a

very nice person, but you might also be a human droplet of viral death so, if you'll pardon the expression, get the hell away from me. Sorry!

Then comes worse news. MIT researcher Lydia Bourouiba has published a paper suggesting that virus-infused droplets can travel as far

as 27 feet. Her critics say that if such were the case, we'd all be sick by now, which is about as consoling as hearing Nancy Pelosi say, "Testing, testing, testing."

The silver lining? That's easy: families are staying home, cooking and eating meals together. Parents are home-schooling and probably not loving it but surely appreciating their kids' teachers a bit more. We no longer debate quality versus quantity time with so much of both going around. People also have more time to think, reflect, read, create and complete long-postponed, home projects of importance, such as binge-watching "Ozark."

But, the easy part is now over. The two-week, shelter-in-place, stay-cation — which many people needed anyway to catch up on sleep or pay their taxes — has run its course. The harder, longer, home-alone slog is just beginning and could last two months. Which raises the question: how long can previously free-ranging Americans remain sane under, essentially, house arrest?

Meanwhile, we've become subject to an incessant barrage of terrible news, as well as the

daily press briefings of President Trump, whose sudden flair for verbiage rivals that of the late Fidel Castro, who would speak for hours and hours while his subjects probably feigned rapt attention. One can't help noticing, too, that many of Trump's team members seem careful to preface their remarks with accolades for the president's incredible leadership.

Those remarks are the opposite of reassuring, but you also get the idea the President relishes the salutes. Recall when Trump, having witnessed North Koreans "sit up at attention" to their Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, remarked that he'd like for his people to do the same to him? Well, hello, Pandemic. Trump has also recently said that Democratic governors "have to treat us well" if they want face masks and ventilators. One dares not cross the supreme leader, one reckons.

Trump's transformation — from first calling the virus a hoax to trying to use it as leverage only adds to the despair many are feeling. How can a country survive this test when its chief executive officer so lacks the virtues of leadership?

What's clear from this reckoning and others to come is that, contra the we're-all-in-this-together mantra, we're all on our own. This means we need to wipe That Look off our faces and focus on staying well — inside our respective dwellings, comforted by the prospect that the curve will flatten and the virus will subside in time for the body politic to heal itself on Election Day. It really has become a matter of life and death.

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# IU Kokomo delivers message to high school seniors

By **SUSAN SCIAM-GIESECKE, PH.D.**  
Chancellor, Indiana University Kokomo

None of us expected we might have to end the school year online.

As our community shares the experience of social distancing to reduce the impact of the coronavirus, my heart especially goes out to our high school seniors who have looked forward for years to milestones that are currently in jeopardy like prom, graduation, a final high school sports season, and other cherished traditions.

As I think about those students, I recall the wisdom from my favorite poet, Maya Angelou, who said in her book *A Letter to My Daughter*, "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them."

It's empowering to be able to plan for what comes next, even when other choices are out of your hands. If you've already decided to go to IU Kokomo next school year, one thing you can do while practicing social distance is to sign up for new student orientation. These sessions allow you to meet with your advisor and plan your schedule, register for classes, receive your student ID, tour campus, get answers to any questions you might have, and meet other new students. Setting up this appointment gives you something positive to look forward to when this current situation is behind us. You can learn more, and register, at [iuk.edu/orientation](http://iuk.edu/orientation).

Haven't decided on a college yet? Use this time to do some research, and make your choice. It may not seem like it now, but August will be here before you know it, bringing a new beginning to be excited about right now.

Worried about how you can pay for college in light of the economic disruption? You might want to include IU Kokomo as one of your colleges of choice. We have a low tuition rate, approximately \$7,700 a year, significantly less expensive than many colleges. We also provide numerous scholarship opportunities.

Indiana University Kokomo, which I serve as chancellor, is here to help you navigate this decision. Normally, I would suggest scheduling a campus tour or attending one of our Visit in Person (VIP) Days, but of course, with the current restrictions on public gatherings, that isn't possible. However, our dedicated staff in the Office of Admissions continues to be available to you online. They're meeting with potential students and their parents online, to answer any questions you might have, take you on a virtual tour, and share information about how you can earn a prestigious IU degree on our campus.

Our admissions team will tell you about our outstanding faculty who have risen to the challenge of educating our students online for the rest of this semester, allowing them to continue earning their prestigious IU degrees. This is just one example of the community of care you will find here, both inside and outside the classroom.

I invite you to find out for yourself, by scheduling a virtual appointment with an admissions counselor, at [iuk.edu/admissions](http://iuk.edu/admissions).

We're here for you, and we look forward to meeting you.

*Susan Sciame-Giesecke, Ph.D. is the chancellor of Indiana University Kokomo.*

## HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 2, the 93rd day of 2020. There are 273 days left in the year.

### Highlight in history:

On April 2, 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

### On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition landed in present-day Florida. (Some historians say the landing actually occurred the next day, on April 3.)

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized the establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

### Today's Birthdays:

Actress Sharon Acker is 85. Actress Dame Penelope Keith is 80. Actress Linda Hunt is 75. Singer Emmylou Harris is 73. Actor Sam Anderson is 73. Social critic and author Camille Paglia is 73. Actress Pamela Reed is 71. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 71. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 59. Actor Christopher Meloni is 59.



# Indiana testing more for coronavirus as deaths rise to 65

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana has increased its ability to test people for the coronavirus but it still is targeting certain patients because of limited supplies, the state health commissioner said Wednesday.

Test supplies are limited, so pregnant women and certain high-risk individuals such as those with high blood pressure are given top priority for testing, Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said during the daily news briefing on the pandemic by state officials.

To date, 14,375 tests have been reported to the Indiana State Department of Health, up from 13,373 on Tuesday, the agency said.

“We have increased test-

ing capacity significantly over several weeks” through Indianapolis-based pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly & Co. and other private laboratories, Box said. Lilly performed 458 tests on Tuesday, she said.

The department on Wednesday distributing 3,000 additional testing kits to nine Indiana hospitals, Box said.

Sixteen more people have died in Indiana from coronavirus-related illnesses, raising the state’s virus death toll to 65 as its confirmed cases surged by more than 400, state health officials said Wednesday.

Indiana’s number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the vi-

rus, grew by 409, to 2,565, following corrections to the previous day’s total, the Indiana State Department of Health said.

The department noted that Indiana’s 16 additional deaths reported Wednesday had occurred over multiple days.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said Tuesday, when the state reported 14 additional deaths, that those deaths had occurred over the previous two weeks. The state health department only reports additional deaths once there is a confirmed positive test for COVID-19 in each case, she said.

Marion County, the home of Indianapolis, had 159 of

the state’s new coronavirus cases reported Wednesday. Indianapolis and the seven counties surrounding it account for 63 percent of Indiana’s confirmed COVID-19 cases, with 1,117 cases alone in Marion County.

Wednesday’s state update shows that only nine of Indiana’s 92 counties have no coronavirus cases.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. Older adults and people with existing health problems are among those particularly susceptible to more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover.

# AP-NORC poll: Less than half back Trump’s pandemic response

By **JULIE PACE, HANNAH FINGERHUT and WILL WEISSERT**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans give high marks to state and local governments for their handling of the fast-moving coronavirus pandemic that has swiftly remade everyday life. But less than half approve of the job done thus far by President Donald Trump and the federal government, according to a new survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Even so, and while he remains deeply polarizing, the poll finds Trump’s approval ratings are among the highest of his presidency. Forty-four percent of Americans support Trump’s oversight of the pandemic, in line with his overall 43 percent approval rating. That’s at the high end for the Republican president during his more than three years in office.

The coronavirus pandemic, which has already killed more than 4,000 Americans and shut down much of the U.S. economy, is the most urgent and unpredictable crisis of Trump’s presidency. The coming weeks will likely shape how Americans view the wisdom of giving him a second term in the November election, where he is likely to face off against former Vice President Joe Biden.

Trump initially downplayed the virus, comparing it to the flu. He also suggested restrictions on work and travel could be lifted by mid-April, arguing that the response to the virus shouldn’t be worse than the health crisis itself.

But the president has shifted his stance again in recent days, and on Tuesday, the White House estimated up to 240,000 Americans could die from coronavirus even if strict social distancing measures are maintained. If those steps aren’t taken, the number of deaths seems certain to increase.

“I want every American to be prepared for the hard days that lie ahead,” Trump said.

Trump’s approval ratings are propped up by strong support from Republicans: 82 percent back his handling of the pandemic. Democrats remain overwhelmingly opposed to the president, with just 14 percent of Democrats supportive of his actions in recent weeks.

The president, whose lengthy press conferences from the White House have been broadcast daily throughout the crisis, rates higher than both the federal government as a whole and the U.S. Congress, which just approved \$2.2 trillion in emergency funding for major industries, small businesses and individuals. Lawmakers are already discussing additional ways to stabilize the economy as the pandemic appears likely to stretch deep into at least the spring or summer.

Thirty-eight percent of Americans approve of the federal government’s handling of the outbreak, while 41 percent disapprove. And just 31 percent approve of how leaders in Congress are handling the crisis, less than the 41 percent who disapprove. Fewer than half of Democrats or Republicans approve of how Congress is

handling the situation.

Americans have a far more favorable opinion about the response efforts by their state and local governments – positive feelings shared across the political spectrum. More than half of Americans, including 56 percent of Democrats and 65 percent of Republicans, say their states are managing the outbreak well.

Judy Kunzman, 73, a retired nurse in Lower Swatara Township, Pennsylvania, is among those who says her state government’s response is superior to that of the president and federal government.

“I keep thinking of Harry Truman and how he always said, ‘The buck stops here.’ Our president says, ‘I’m not taking responsibility for that,’” Kunzman said. She said that while Trump appears to be taking the matter more seriously in recent days, his response still leaves a lot to be desired.

“When you have to be pushed to the edge before you do the almost correct thing, that’s not an improvement,” Kunzman said.

State and local governments have much of the power to shape the response in their locales, determining what businesses remain open, how long schools will be shuttered and what penalties there are, if any, for those who violate stay-at-home or similar orders. That’s led to a patchwork of restrictions, with major cities including New York, Chicago and San Francisco virtually shuttered. More than 30 states issued stay-at-home orders more than a week ago, while Florida’s governor resisted doing so until this week, even as

coronavirus cases rose in the state.

Trump, too, initially resisted recommendations from public health officials to extend social distancing measures through at least April. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Wednesday he decided to abandon his county-by-county approach for a statewide order after consulting with Trump.

The poll shows that a large majority of Americans, 78 percent, back requiring Americans to stay in their homes except for essential errands. Roughly the same amount also favor restricting travel within the U.S. and requiring bars and restaurants to close.

Those numbers reflect a sharp increase in public concern over the virus within the past six weeks. Half of Americans now say they are extremely or very worried about either themselves or a family member being infected by the virus. That compares with 31 percent who said the same just two weeks ago and 22 percent who said so six weeks ago, when more Americans were concerned about the flu.

Susan Oldfield, a 68-year-old retiree in rural Jesseville, Arkansas, said she trusts the guidance from the federal government and wishes more people did.

“I see people using poor judgement and saying, ‘Oh, this is just a hoax,’ or, ‘This is just something to smash our rights or take away our constitutional rights,’” Oldfield said. “It doesn’t seem like, to me, it’s like you have to do this for no reason. You have to do this for a real reason.”

# Call for virus volunteers yields army of workers

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER and MARINA VILLENEUVE**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The work is exhausting and dangerous, the situation bleak. But an army of health care workers heeded New York’s call for help reinforcing hospitals overwhelmed by the coronavirus pandemic.

So far, at least 82,000 people have volunteered for the state’s reserve force of medical workers – a group that includes recent retirees returning to work, health care professionals who can take a break from their regular jobs and people between gigs, according to health officials.

Few have made it into the field yet as hospitals and state regulators vet enlistees and decide how to deploy them. But Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Tuesday that’s about to change. By Thursday, hospitals expect to hire about 1,500 volunteers to rescue a medical workforce that needs relief, particularly in New York City.

Health care workers who have hit the ground already, many brought in by staffing agencies, discovered a hospital system in danger of being overwhelmed.

“I have never seen so many human beings in an ER at one time in my entire life,” said Liz Schaffer, a nurse from St. Paul, Minnesota, who had her first shift Tuesday at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan. “Shoulder to shoulder. It is a sight I never thought I would see. Patients are dying every day. Every single day.”

Similar recruiting efforts are underway in other states preparing for waves of patients, including California, Washington, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, Virginia, New Jersey, North Dakota and Washington D.C. And recruitment is happening at the federal level too, where the Army and the Department of Veterans Affairs have reached out.

The death toll from the virus climbed to nearly 2,000 Wednesday across New York state, with most of the fatalities coming in New York City in just the past week.

Several of the dead have been health care workers, including Kious Kelly, an assistant nurse manager in the emergency room at Mount Sinai West Hospital, who died March 24 after becoming infected with

the virus.

Many other medical workers have become seriously ill. Protective masks, gowns and gloves remain rationed at some hospitals due to anticipated shortages.

Despite those risks, many have volunteered to join the fight.

“Whatever it is that they need, I’m willing to do,” said Jerry Kops, a licensed nurse on Long Island who was on tour as a musician in the Blue Man Group before its North American tour was interrupted by the coronavirus shutdown a few weeks ago.

“I keep thinking about my old co-workers and friends that are still in nursing. And to me, it’s like if they have to be there, I should be there too,” he said. “If it means being at a testing site, cool. If it means being relief staff for RNs that are overworked right now in hospitals, cool.”

Hospital volunteers in New York will be paid. But that is not always the case in other parts of the country that are seeking medical volunteers. In Washington state, for instance, volunteer retirees who staff free clinics are not routinely paid for their work. But those who volunteer at hospitals

will be paid.

Adding to the corps of state recruits are more workers being brought in by staffing agencies.

Nurses are being offered up to \$100 per hour plus food and lodging to fill over 5,000 openings in hospital intensive care units and emergency rooms, said Michael Fazio, whose company, Prime Staffing, has recruited over 250 workers to New York hospitals in recent weeks.

“It shocks me more and more the calls I’m getting. West Coast nurses are calling me, wanting to help,” Fazio said. “They’re leaving their families, wanting to help. They don’t have the fear of COVID-19. Their driving force is saying: ‘I’m coming to help fight this, help New York City.’”

One of those nurses, Katherine Ramos, of Cape Coral, Florida, described her work at New York Presbyterian Hospital as exhausting.

“It’s hard when you lose patients. It’s hard when you have to tell the family members: ‘I’m sorry, but we did everything that we could,’” she said. “It’s even harder when we really don’t have the time to mourn, the time to talk about this.”

# Coast Guard: Cruise ships must stay at sea with sick onboard

By **FREIDA FRISARO and ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON**  
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The U.S. Coast Guard has directed all cruise ships to prepare to treat any sick passengers and crew on board while being sequestered “indefinitely” offshore during the coronavirus pandemic.

The new rules require daily updates on each ship’s coronavirus caseload for vessels in U.S. waters, and come with a stiff warning: Any foreign-flagged vessels “that loiter beyond U.S. territorial seas” should try first to medically evacuate the very sick to those countries instead.

Many South Florida cruise ships are registered in the Bahamas, where hospital capacity is limited and people are still recovering from last year’s devastating Hurricane Dorian.

The rules, which apply to any vessel carrying more than 50 people, were issued in a March 29 safety bulletin signed by Coast Guard Rear Admiral E.C. Jones, whose district includes Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Puerto Rico.

Dozens of cruise ships are either lined up at Port Miami and Port Everglades or waiting offshore due to the coronavirus pandemic. Most have only crew aboard, but Carnival Corp., which owns nine cruise lines with a total of 105 ships, notified the SEC Tuesday that it has more than 6,000 passengers still at sea.

Federal, state and local officials have been negotiating over whether Carnival’s Holland America cruise ships, the Zaandam and Rotterdam, would be allowed to dock at Port Everglades this week. But the company’s Coral Princess is coming, too, with what that ship’s medical center called a higher than normal number of people with flu-like symptoms.

Carnival said the last three of the 40 ships that were at sea when it paused its cruises last month are expected to arrive at port by week’s end. In addition to the ships arriving in Fort Lauderdale, other ships are approaching Civitavecchia, Italy, and Southampton, England, spokesman Roger Frizzell said.

Two of four deaths on the Zaandam were blamed on

COVID-19 and nine people have tested positive for the novel coronavirus, the company said. At least 190 more reported symptoms. More than 300 Americans are on Zaandam and Rotterdam.

Gov. Ron DeSantis said he expected a resolution Wednesday after speaking with President Donald Trump. The governor said Florida’s health care system is stretched too thin to take on the ships’ coronavirus caseload, but he said he would accept the 49 Florida residents on board.

“My concern is simply that we have worked so hard to make sure we have adequate hospital beds,” he said.

Trump had expressed sympathy toward the passengers on Tuesday.

“They’re dying on the ship,” Trump said. “I’m going to do what’s right. Not only for us, but for humanity.”

Passengers expressed their frustrations to The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Andrea Anderson and her husband Rob coughed their way through a video chat from the Zandaam. Asked what she would say to Florida’s governor, Anderson said, “How would he feel if his mother was on this ship? Would he still be saying, ‘no they can’t dock?’”

Mary Beth Van Horn said she’s “terrified” for her brother Tom Brazier, 77, of Ocean Park, Wash., who went on the South American cruise with his wife before he was supposed to begin a new bone cancer treatment in April. They weren’t allowed to transfer to the Rotterdam with other apparently healthy people because they have portable CPAP machines and other mobility problems.

“He is afraid. Last time, he told me ‘I just don’t see how this could end well,’” she said.

For most people, the virus causes a fever and cough that can clear up in two to three weeks without hospitalization. Older adults and people with existing health problems are more likely to suffer severe illness and require oxygen to stay alive.

Under normal conditions, a ship can call on the Coast Guard to medically evacuate people too sick to be cared for on board. Now the Coast Guard is in charge of such decisions.

## COURTS

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of the Courts at 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

“Essential staff will continue to work on-site to support the courts as needed and

Court Services will continue to work remotely to meet the needs of those under community supervision in Wabash County,” they stated.

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takes is out of supply. Pharmacies can also now fill

some prescriptions early and can fill maintenance prescriptions for 90 days if requested.

For questions, visit <https://www.in.gov/fssa/2404.htm>.

## FRAUD

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■ A physician or other trusted healthcare provider should assess your condition and approve any requests for COVID-19 testing.

If you suspect COVID-19 fraud, call the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or email [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov).

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

is a free and impartial counseling program for people with Medicare. SHIP is provided by the Indiana Department of Insurance. All of SHIP’s services are free and are not affiliated with any insurance company or agency. SHIP counselors have completed intensive training to offer you objective assistance in complete confidence. To contact a counselor, call 800-452-4800. For the TDD line for the hearing impaired, call 866-846-0139.

## WAIVED

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March 31 or April 30, will not expire until May 31. Also, an Indiana-based IRP or BPR registrant may delay a registration renewal and/or payment for registrations effective May 1 to 31.

■ Any delayed IRP renewal registrations and/or payments must have an effective renewed IRP registration submitted to DOR by June 1.

■ Indiana-based IFTA licensees that file quarterly motor carrier fuel tax returns may delay the first

quarter’s return (ordinarily due April 30) to May 31. Also, following IFTA’s recommendation, DOR waives the requirements to display or possess IFTA credentials until May 22.

Although DOR in-person customer service is currently suspended due to the COVID-19 health emergency, MCS customer service team continues to provide support by phone and email, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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# Man’s closeness to mother puts distance in relationship

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend is 31 and still goes to his mother’s house and spends the night, even though we live less than 15 minutes away. He knows it upsets me, yet every time she asks him to spend the night, he goes. He left our children home alone while I worked over-night because it was her birthday.

Dear Abby



His relationship with his mother is a large part of why we aren’t married, and the fact that he continues to spend the night there is leading to huge fights. Is this normal or not? – Fed Up In Ohio

**DEAR FED UP:** That your boyfriend would leave minor children alone and without supervision while he spends the night with his mother – birthday or not – is unusual. It would have been more logical for him to have invited his mother to your house to celebrate the occasion.

That said, you cannot control what your boyfriend does. I suspect there’s a lot more wrong with your relationship than the fact that he hasn’t emotionally separated from his mother. You two could benefit from couples counseling to sort out not only his relationship with his mother, but also your relationship with each other. If he won’t go, go alone to get clarity on how to proceed with your future.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a good friend who has a frustratingly bad habit. Every year, she makes a point of mentioning her upcoming birthday at least a couple of times a week, starting about four months before the day. It is never mentioned the rest of the year.

If I want to buy someone a birthday gift, I make the effort to find out when their special day is and act accordingly. If I don’t wish to provide a gift, then no amount of nagging will guilt me into it. I do not want to end the friendship because she is an otherwise nice person and a good friend, but I’m sick of the nagging. Any suggestions on how to tactfully but effectively deal with this? – Nagged In Florida

**DEAR NAGGED:** The next time your friend starts up, respond by saying, “You have already told me.” When she does it for the third time say, “You know, this is getting old. It looks like you are soliciting a gift.” Then tell her if she keeps it up, you WON’T buy her one. I’ll bet it works!

**DEAR ABBY:** Sometimes when my boyfriend and I go out with another couple and I’m talking, he abruptly says, “I never get a word in,” or, “Can anyone else talk?” Abby, if I don’t talk, he just sits there like a lump on a log. It’s embarrassing, and I have asked him not to say that in front of other people. How should I respond when he makes cruel remarks in front of other people? – Awkward Silence In New York

**DEAR AWKWARD:** Is what your boyfriend says true? Or is it that he has trouble making social conversation? If that’s the case, perhaps you should make more of an effort to draw the “lump” into the conversation. However, if it’s not true, then what he’s doing may be an effort to appear to be the dominant partner in your relationship.

When it happens again – and I’m betting it will – your response should be, “Ouch. That was hurtful and embarrassing. If you have a complaint about my behavior, please be considerate and make it private-ly.”

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## CROSSWORD

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- 23 Cry of disgust
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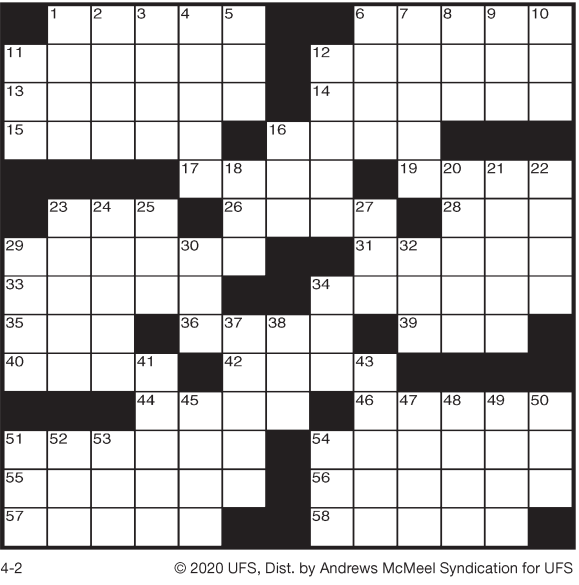
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer “ ”

Yesterday’s

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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I’m sorry, man. I feel for you.

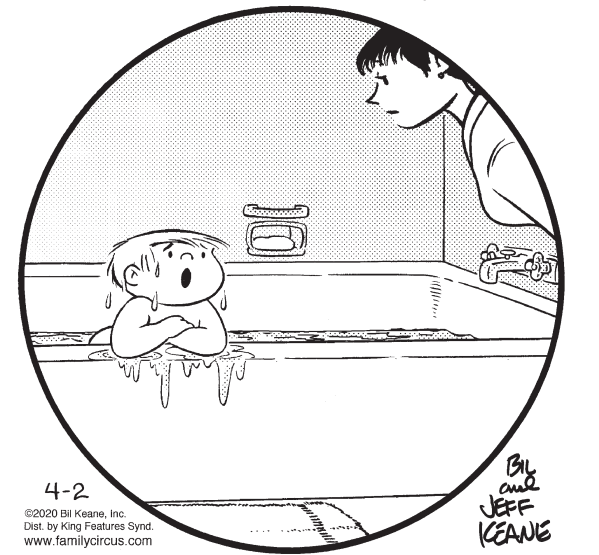
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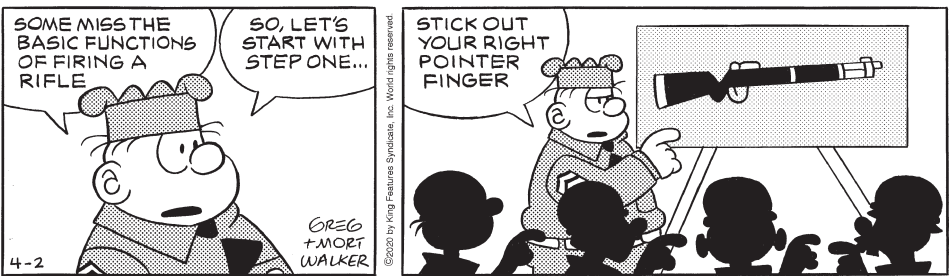
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By Bil Keane

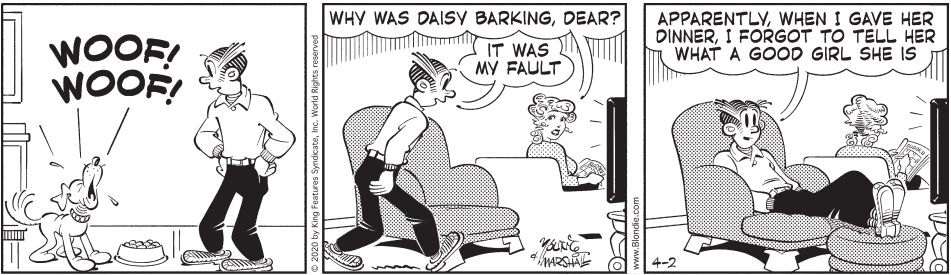


“I hope somebody’s counting all these baths I’ve been taking.”

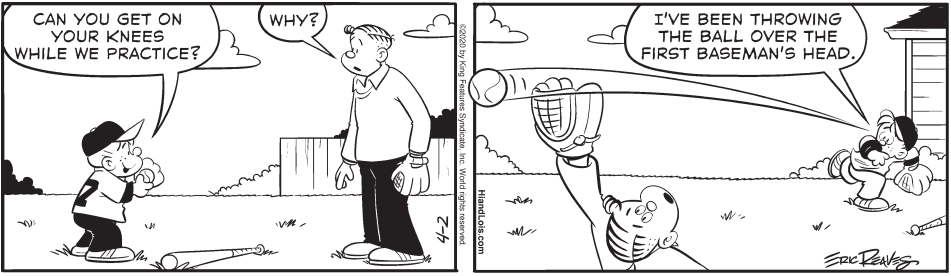
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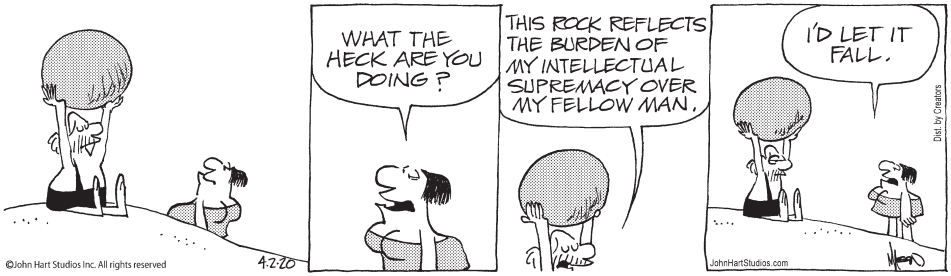
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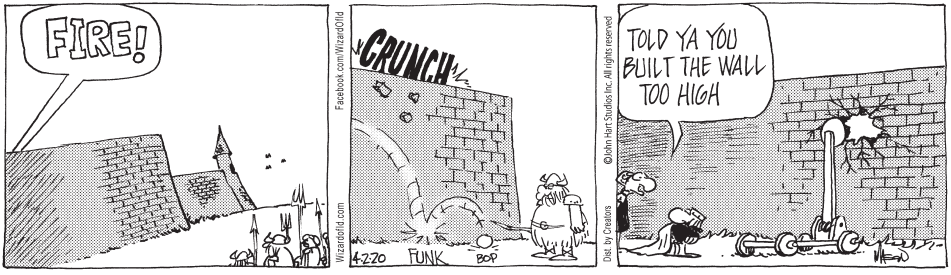
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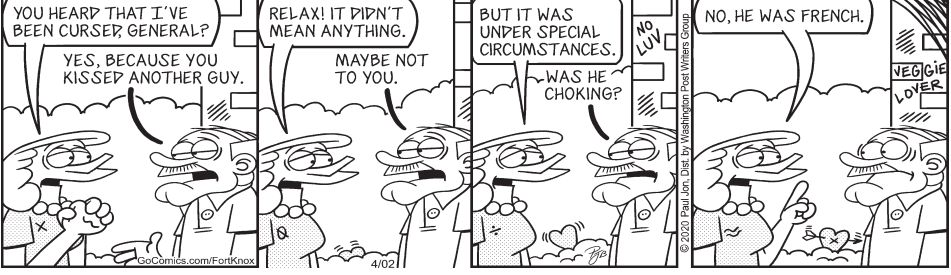
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## PICKLES



## Those who keep Heaven in view remain serene

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** I am sorry, but I don’t believe in Christians that say they rejoice in the Lord in spite of major health issues, financial distraught, and lack of success. How can this outlook be sincere? – D.O.

**A:** Those who keep Heaven in view remain serene and cheerful in the darkest day because they keep the glories of Heaven at the forefront of their thinking. If more people thought less of themselves and material things and more for things eternal and spiritual, they too would be less easily disturbed by this present life.

Nowhere does the Bible teach that Christians are exempt from the tribulations and natural disasters that come upon the world. It does teach that the Christian can face tribulation,

crisis, calamity and personal suffering with a supernatural power that is not available to the person outside of Christ.

Thousands of Christians have learned the secret of contentment and joy in trial. Some of the happiest Christians have drunk from the full cup of trial and misfortune. Some have been lifelong sufferers. They have had every reason to sigh and complain, being denied so many privileges and pleasures that they see others enjoy, yet they have found greater cause for gratitude and joy than

orous and strong. God’s purpose in this is to show an unbelieving world that His grace is sufficient.

This was the great testimony of the apostle Paul when he proclaimed in his suffering that the Lord comforted him with these words: “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Paul responded, “Therefore most gladly I will [rejoice] in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me... for when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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G J A I O D I Z Z I B D I — K J V B E X J W A M I Y S . ”  
— Z L W A I B D I J Z V R V I A

Previous Solution: “Kirk Douglas ... 103 years on this Earth. That’s got a nice ring to it! Great hanging with you, man.” — Danny DeVito

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Food

Easter spring fling

By LYNDA BALSLEV

In honor of Easter, Pass-over and spring, I share this roasted lamb recipe. Mind you, this is not your traditional springtime lamb roast studded with garlic and served with mint (which is always a good option, of course). Instead, this roast veers to North Africa with a generous smear of chermoula, a heady concoction of aromatic spices, fresh herbs, chiles and garlic. Consider it Easter break on holiday – a spring fling for culinary travelers.

Chermoula is a flavorful and versatile condiment in Moroccan, Libyan and Tunisian cuisines. It’s used as a marinade and garnish for fish, meats and vegetables, and it can also be swirled into rice and couscous dishes. Recipes for chermoula vary from region to region and cook to cook, but the gist is to use fistfuls of fresh green herbs, such as parsley, cilantro and mint, and plenty of spice, such as cumin and coriander. While it’s a long list of ingredients, it’s easily blitzed in a food processor in just a few minutes. The end result should be bright, sharp and aromatic with a kick of heat. Ideally, toast and grind whole spices for best flavor, but pre-ground spices will do just fine.

The meat is served over a platter of spring greens, lightly dressed with lemon and olive oil. Choose a selection of sturdy greens that are a mix of bitter, peppery and sweet. The cooking juices from the lamb will slightly wilt leaves, for a refreshing contrast that mirrors the season. And, for best flavor results, begin marinating the lamb the night before roasting.

Lamb Chermoula With Spring Greens

- Active Time: 20 minutes
- Cooking Time: 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 hours
- Marinating Time: 24 hours, plus 1 hour standing time
- Yield: Serves 6 to 8
- Chermoula: 4 cloves garlic 1 cup Italian flat leaf parsley sprigs 1 cup cilantro sprigs 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice 1 teaspoon ground cumin 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika



Provided photo by Lynda Balslev for Tastefood

Chermoula is a flavorful and versatile condiment in Moroccan, Libyan and Tunisian cuisines.

- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
  - 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
  - 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
  - 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, or more as needed
  - Lamb: 1 (5- to 6-pound) semi-boneless leg of lamb, fat trimmed
  - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
  - 6 cups mixed spring greens such as frisee, mustard greens, mizuna, arugula
  - 1 small handful mint leaves, coarsely torn
  - 1/4 cup flat-leaf parsley and/or cilantro leaves
  - 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
  - 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
  - 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
  - 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts
- Begin marinating the lamb one day before serving. Place all of the chermoula ingredients, except the olive oil, in the bowl of a food processor. Pulse to coarsely chop. Add the oil

and process to blend. The chermoula should have a runny paste consistency. If needed, add a little more oil to achieve this consistency.

Place the lamb in a large bowl and season on all sides with salt and black pepper. Rub the chermoula all over the lamb. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. One hour before roasting, remove the lamb from the refrigerator and let stand at room temperature.

Heat the oven to 425 degrees.

Roast the lamb for 20 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350 degrees. Cook until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the meat (not touching the bone)

reaches 135 degrees for medium-rare, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours, depending on the size of the lamb. Transfer to a cutting board and let rest for at least 15 minutes to allow the juices to collect.

While the lamb is resting, place the greens, mint and parsley and/or cilantro in a large bowl. Drizzle with the oil and lemon juice. Sprinkle the lemon zest over, lightly season with salt and pepper, and toss to coat.

Carve the lamb into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Spread the greens on a serving platter. Arrange the lamb in the center. Drizzle any collected lamb juices over the meat and greens and scatter the pine nuts over. Serve warm.

Indiana Farm Bureau donates to Gleaners in response to COVID-19

The food bank has more than doubled its onsite distribution

STAFF REPORT

Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB), has donated \$5,000 to Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Inc. to help provide food to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a press release.

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana is the largest food bank and hunger-relief charity in the state, serving one-third of the one million Hoosiers vulnerable to food insecurity in Indiana. INFB’s funds will go directly to helping Hoosiers in need at a time when food banks are seeing a significant increase in patronage due to unemployment and school closings related to COVID-19.

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana has more than doubled its distribution at its onsite pantry and is adding mobile pantries in communities across its service area. They’ve also partnered with Indianapolis Public Schools to ensure that families, who need help, receive it.

“INFB members across the state are also using their time and resources to support their communities, including health care workers in need of the proper supplies to stay safe while caring for patients,” stated the release.

This is the second time within the last year that INFB has supported Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana. Last March, INFB and all 92 county Farm Bureau together donated 50 tons of food to Gleaners and other food banks across the state in celebration of its 100th anniversary.

Second Harvest Food Bank adjusts office, warehouse hours

Food distribution will continue as normal

STAFF REPORT

Second Harvest Food Bank “is taking steps to reduce the risk to our volunteers and employees from the emerging COVID-19 situation,” according to a press release.

These steps include temporarily adjusting the availability for visitors and volunteers to our headquarters and warehouse in Muncie, according to Tim Kean, CEO and president.

“In addition to these outward efforts, we are working with our Agency Partners by adding new safety protocols for delivery and driver interaction and pickup orders at our warehouse location. Second Harvest Foodbank of ECI partners with 96 agencies in 8 counties to provide

food for families in need. The staff and volunteers at these agencies provide hunger-relief services to schools, food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters,” stated Kean.

Food distribution to Agency Partners and Tailgate Distributions will continue as normal.

“As a community, your help and support in our efforts to feed neighbors in need can best be supported by financial donations to our online Fill-A-Bowl Fundraiser that is taking place through April 3,” stated Kean. “No gift is too small – everyone grows when everyone gives. Additional support comes from sharing our social media messages with friends and family on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We thank you for your understanding and support during this critical time.”

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